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1. SOMALI NATIONAL NEWS AGENCY (SONNA) REPORTED APRIL 4 THAT SOVIET PRESIDENT PODGORNÝ AND AIDES TALKED "FIVE HOURS" WITH PRESIDENT MOHAMED SIAD BARRE AND GSDR OFFICIALS DURING PODGORNÝ'S APRIL 2-3 VISIT TO MOGADISCIO. SUBJECTS DISCUSSED INCLUDED "WAYS OF FURTHER STRENGTHENING COMRADELY RELATIONS BETWEEN THE SDR AND USSR,"
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AS WELL AS "CURRENT INTERNATIONAL ISSUES AND THE AFRICAN CONTINENT, PARTICULARLY THE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS. "TALKS REPORTEDLY WERE HELD IN ATMOSPHERE OF "UNDERSTANDING AND CORDIALITY" AND WERE "CROWNED WITH SUCCESS".

2. BEFORE LEAVING SOMALI AIRSPACE, PODGORNÝ RADIOED FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO SIAD:

"LEAVING THE SOMALI DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC I TAKE THIS HAPPY OCCASION TO EXTEND ONCE MORE TO YOU, COMRADE PRESIDENT, AND TO ALL THE SOMALI PEOPLE OUR BEST WISHES FOR THE HAPPINESS AND PROSPERITY.

"I FRANKLY HOPE THAT OUR MEETING WILL SERVE FOR THE FURTHER STRENGTHENING OF THE RELATIONS OF FRIENDSHIP AND ALL-ROUND COOPERATION WHICH HAVE BEEN FORMED BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES.

"THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THE HEARTFELT WELCOME AND CORDIAL HOSPITALITY."(S/ N. PODGORNÝ.

3. TASS (BUT NOT SONNA) ALSO REPORTED THAT PODGORNÝ "CONFIRMED" INVITATION TO SIAD TO VISIT USSR. TIME OF VISIT WAS TO BE "AGREED THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS". END UNCLASSIFIED

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4. COMMENT: TOO LITTLE IS KNOWN ABOUT PODGORNÝ/SIAD TALKS TO MAKE DEFINITIVE JUDGEMENTS ABOUT ULTIMATE SUCCESS OR FAILURE PODGORNÝ VISIT. TENTATIVE JUDGEMENTS ARE POSSIBLE, HOWEVER. THUS, DESPITE CLAIMS THAT TALKS WERE CROWNED WITH SUCCESS, RELATIVE COOLNESS OF MEDIA COVERAGE AND PODGORNÝ'S RADIO MESSAGE INDICATE THAT TWO SIDES WERE UNABLE TO TRANSLATE UNDERSTANDING AND CORDIALITY INTO COMPLETE AGREEMENT ON SOVIET ROLE IN HORN OF AFRICA. THIS IS HARDLY SURPRISING WITH SUCH FUNDAMENTAL ISSUES AT STAKE AND AFTER SO SHORT A VISIT. IT IS PROBABLY FAIR TO SAY THAT PODGORNÝ VISIT WAS HELPFUL TO SOVIETS IN CONTINUING SOMALI/SOVIET
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DISLOGUE. HOWEVER, IT DOES NOT SEEM TO HAVE PERSUADED GS DR THAT ITS FEARS, I.E., THAT SOMALI INTERESTS ARE BEING SACRIFICED TO FURTHER SOVIET AIMS IN ETHIOPIA, ARE GROUNDLESS. FURTHER SOMALI/SOVIET TALKS ARE INDICATED, PERHAPS SIAD IN MOSCOW. THERE HAS BEEN NO MENTION IN OFFICIAL MEDIA THAT FIRST VICE PRESIDENT LT. GEN. MOHAMED ALI SAMANTAR LEFT HERE WITH PODGORNÝ.
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